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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - HEZBOLLAH

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Monday, July 17, 2006

-- In "The Israeli Fantasy" Dr. Hasan Al-Mosawi penned in  
progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (7/17):

"Israel uses its security as an attempt to move the resistance away  
from the Lebanese south. These excuses are fundamentally wrong,  
because the Israeli occupation is the reason for the existence of  
the resistance. What has proven to be more of a danger is that  
Israel is now attempting to threaten the sense of nationalism and  
resistance among the residents of the south."

-- Kais Al-Osta inquired in "Beirut and the Taxi Driver" in  
progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (7/17):

"Did it ever occur to Mr. Hassan Nasrallah, Secretary-General of  
Hezbollah, to consult with anyone before transgressing international  
borders and abducting two soldiers? I am not referring to the Prime  
Minister or any Members of Parliament; I speak of one of the taxi  
drivers who parks in front of one of Beirut's hotels, I speak of a  
university student working at one of the hotels during the summer to  
save up for the rest of the year. I speak of the owner of a small  
restaurant; I speak of hundreds of thousands of Lebanese who  
promised themselves a tourism season so they can make up for losses  
incurred after the assassination of Rafiq Al-Hariri."

-- Under the title "The Disease Hezbollah" Saoud Al-Samaka  
editorialized in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (7/17):

"Hezbollah is not a resistance movement. It is a phenomenon that  
appeared in the absence of the Lebanese government during a period  
of chaos from 1975-1990 with Iranian care and support. It became a  
state inside a state. In its beginnings Tehran allocated 300  
million dollars annually.... This phenomenon grew over the years  
with Iranian funding to the point of being more capable financially  
and militarily than the Lebanese government."

-- Lawyer and columnist, Shaykha Fawzia Salim Al-Sabah observed in  
moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam article titled "Zionist  
Aggression...and Arab Silence" (7/17):

"Every one of us should ask ourselves, what have we given to those  
defending our dignity on our behalf? Now and before it is too late,  
the trader should give his zakat (charity required of Muslims), the  
writer should write, the singer sing, and the politician should  
issue statements to raise the morale of our brothers. He who does

not have anything to give should pray. The Kuwaiti government did well when it declared its complete support for Lebanon; it was not a compliment to Lebanon. It is the result of Kuwait's Arabic and Islamic principles."

-- In the piece titled "Hezbollah" in moderate daily Al-Rai Al-Aam Dr. Saad Al-Anzi held that (7/17):

"The Lebanese resistance is in dire need of the support of the Islamic peoples-financial, through the media, and all kinds of support that can be offered--to be victorious over the Israeli enemy. When we say Islamic peoples, we know of the egregious inability of the Arab regimes to support a popular resistance. Arabs are constantly questioning the agreements signed by Arab states. The agreement of mutual Arab defense obligates all Arab countries to declare war on any foreign state that goes to war against a member country of the Arab League."

-- In moderate Arabic daily Al-Watan Yousef Ahmed Al-Mandil inquired in "Rafiq Al-Hariri Built and Hezbollah Demolishes" (7/17):

"After the abduction of the Jewish soldiers, Mr. Nasrallah hid in his burrow and no one knows where he is. The Jews clamped down on Lebanon and established a land, sea, and air blockade. Hezbollah brought catastrophes to Lebanon and the Lebanese government. If [Lebanon] wants stability then it must dismantle the party of children and disarm it. Did Hezbollah expect the world to be sympathetic to it after the abduction?"

-- In "Arabs of Denouncement" Secretary General of the Journalists' Association Faisal Al-Qanai's piece in pro-government daily Al-Seyassah he observed (7/17):

"Whether we agree or differ with Hezbollah, what Israel is doing in Lebanon is unacceptable by any Arab Muslim. Israeli operations

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reflect the painful Arab reality and the amount of humiliation and abjectness that Arabs experience today.... Arabs are but a sound phenomenon, a word that was said long ago, and was proven many years ago to this nation whose only victory is on the soccer fields."

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